

MARCH 2009

COAST 2 COAST

WITH CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST



Waiting for our first meeting to start. Louie the Lobster was our Boston team mascot!



When Kayley and I met she asked if she could give me a hug instead of shaking my hand since we'd be spending the whole week together. I knew we would get along great!



Amy sharing on stage at our evening session about the student she shared the gospel with that prayed to receive Christ!



With the girls I shared a condo with for the week. Clockwise: Jenn (Intern), Kayley (Boston Conservatory), Amy (Babson), Ashley (UMass Boston), and me.

Big Break

On Friday, March 20th, a group of 11 staff and students from Boston packed up two vans and drove for 28 hours to Panama City Beach, FL. We joined 975 students from 90 campuses in the nation—a record number of students in Big Break history! The week was packed with evangelism training, beach outreach, worship, seminars, and fun. PCB is a popular spring break destination for thousands of college students. The 8 mile stretch of beach is a great place to share Christ's love because everyone is just hanging out and have plenty of free time to talk. Throughout the week over 13,000 people were asked to take a spiritual survey, asking questions about who Jesus is, what happens after death, what their spiritual background is, etc. I was amazed at how open people were to taking the survey and wanting to learn more about Christianity. No one I approached did not want to participate.

One conversation that really stood out to me was with two guys, Austin and Will, from the University of Oklahoma. Both of them grew up with religious backgrounds, but never really thought much about it. It was neat to really see both of them pondering what having a personal relationship with Jesus means. They were also very touched when I prayed for them and thanked me for taking the time to talk with them. I know God is going to continue to work in their lives. Please pray for Will and Austin and the 28 other people that I talked to throughout Big Break. Praise God for the 674 people that received Christ!! All of them are being followed up with and we hope to connect them with a Campus Crusade club at their school or a church in their neighborhood.

Big Break was one of the BEST times this year for my own spiritual growth, as well as the students! Not only did we get to see God work through us in conversations on the beach, but heard amazing messages and bonded as a community. I am already looking forward to going next year!

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16

*Lots of Love,
Courtney*